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## COMMUNICATIONS.

### One Thing and Another.

Thank God! the long, dark night of death is over and gone. The welcome frost has come and we can smile again. The agony of suspense and fear has been lifted from our hearts. The fever field has been banished by the fiat of the Almighty and now only his lingering footsteps are heard. The bright sun shines once more in the sky of a smiling Providence. We live and breathe and move without fear of the insidious attacks of an unseen foe. The cheerful hum of business will again soon be heard in the land. Our halls of learning will again resound with the echo of merry voices, and the thrills of aspiring hearts.

During the past few months how have we been made to feel our utter helplessness, and dependence upon a higher power. Let us evince our gratitude for life preserved by devoting that life to high and holy purposes. If we live it is because God has something for us yet to do in the world. Let us seek to know what it is, and then to do it with our might. We may have escaped the fever, but we cannot live always; our time to die will surely come, and when it comes let it be found that we have not lived in vain. There is noble work that needs to be done. Shall we help to do it?

Many would, doubtless, like to know something of our experiences here in Clinton during the pestilence of the fearful scourge. We have had distress, perplexity, care, fearful anxiety, real sacrifices and noble endurance, but no fever. The wall of fire circled around us, but a kind Providence preserved us. I think few other places would have escaped under similar circumstances. Eight miles west of us the fever raged with fearful fury; fourteen miles southwest of us a holocaust of victims was laid upon the altar; twelve miles south, at Dry Grove, the scenes were simply indescribable; twelve miles south east, Byram, did not escape; ten miles east, at Jackson, hundreds were prostrated; and twelve miles north the waves of the circle met and rolled together and swept many to the grave. How wretched that we escape! Yet there is not the smell of fire, or of fever, or of garments. How can we account for this?

First of all, and all the way through, we ascribe our preservation to the mercies of our kind Heavenly Father. He was our refuge and strength and help in trouble. To him be all the praise!

Some may ascribe our wonderful preservation to our rigid quarantining. This, I think, was but a feeble protection. I believe in quarantining. I have no sympathy with the senseless jargon of some newspaper scribblers who can scarcely find expletives enough in the language to express their brave contempt for this means of guarding against contagious diseases—a means employed by all civilized and enlightened nations. Yet none, but those who have tried it, know how almost impossible it is to make a quarantining effectual. We, of course, were quarantined, but not to this manly do I attribute our exemption from the fever. Other places as rigidly quarantined as we, did not escape. To what then shall we attribute it?

Our preservation, I think, was owing to the blessing of Heaven on our natural, rather than on our artificial defences. Lime is acknowledged by all to be one of the best of disinfectants and preservatives. It is largely used in all our cities in sanitary operations. There is an abundance of lime in our soil. Every rain exposes some of this fresh lime to the action of the atmosphere and purifies it. Thus, nature here, as everywhere, has her compensations. We ought to be grateful for these old gullies. They are not beautiful to look upon, but they are health-giving. Good health is a very good compensation for a slight loss of the beautiful.

Besides all this, no water can possibly gather and remain on these high old hills. Our town is perfectly and naturally drained. No foul sewer is to be opened and cleansed. The angel of the clouds has charge of our sewerage, and Michael himself would not dare to bring a charge against him for dereliction in duty. He does his work well and thoroughly and never embezzles the funds. And, then there are no marshes or stagnant pools of water, or sluggish streams anywhere in our vicinity. Thus we have all the natural conditions of good health. It is not, then, after all, so very wonderful that we have enjoyed such complete exemption from the terrible pestilence. It would at least have been still more wonderful if it had visited us.

A distinguished physician from Giverton, Texas, on his way to the fever-sick city of Vicksburg that

summer, took occasion to examine this place, and remarked, "You may import fifty cases of yellow fever and plant them in Clinton, and the disease would not spread." And this, according strictly with the history of the place. In 1853 and 1855 the epidemic raged as it has done this year, in all the surrounding country. Then, as now, Clinton was unscathed.

These facts are significant, and I cannot help asking the question, What town in the State is superior to Clinton as a place of residence? You have good society, accessibility, excellent school advantages, and, above all, the conditions of good health. Where else will you find all these advantages so satisfactorily combined?

The fact that Clinton lies in what has been called the yellow fever belt, is now an exploded chimera. Where has the fever raged more fearfully this summer than in North Mississippi and Tennessee? We have had our fears, anxieties, and terrible suspense, but towns a hundred miles from the apparent seats of the disease, have had them equally with ourselves. Quarantine has been established almost everywhere. There have been more cases of fever on the line of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad than on the Vicksburg and Meridian, and the epidemic has been more fatal in that section than in this.

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What better thing can they do for themselves? There are farmers all over the State, there are merchants and others in Vicksburg, Jackson and other places, who have children to educate, who could build neat, comfortable residences there for their families, while they could attend to their business without any material loss. They could feel that their families would be as safe here as anywhere in a dying world, and having the advantages of good society, good schools, and cheap living, it would really, in the long run, cost them less to live near the waves of the circle and roll together and sweep many to the grave.

To what then shall we attribute it? The tongue is to be educated. Brothers and sisters, are you ready, when you meet with careless people, to tell them truths that will be unpalatable to them? and, when they are awakened, are you willing, in God's name, to try and beat to pieces their refuge of lies, to tell them plainly of the mistakes that they are so fond of, and point them to the only way of salvation? You and I cannot be useful if we want to be sweet as honey in the mouths of men. God will never bless us if we wish to please men, that they may think well of us. Are you willing to tell them what will break your own heart in the telling, and break theirs in the hearing? If not, you are not fit to serve the Lord. You must be willing to go and speak for God, though you will be rejected. See the seventh verse, where God says, "They will not hearken unto thee, for they will not hearken unto me." If they rejected the Master, will they receive the servant? They took up stones to stone your own dear Lord and Master, and at last took nail to fasten Him to the cross. Do you think they will listen to you? If God is willing to bear witness for Him, even if none should ever believe a word you say, because, in so doing, you will deliver your soul. Take good heed, all of you, to this danger of being the victims of a grave and fatal mistake.

W. S. WEBB,  
CLINTON, Miss., Nov. 2, 1878.

### A Sermon for Preachers and Teachers—A Message from the Lord's Mouth.

BY C. H. SPURGEON.

SON of man, I have shewed thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.—Ezekiel 3:17.

What are the qualifications for serving God by warning men? Ezekiel had them. What can we learn from the Lord's words to Ezekiel, by which we may better serve our Lord and act as watchmen to those around us?

I. If we would be found really useful and serviceable for our Lord and Master,

THE EAR IS TO BE DISCIPLINED; Read the text. "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth." To train the tongue you must begin with the ear. It is well known that no man is fit to command who has not first learned to obey, and assuredly no man is qualified to teach who has not first learned to obey. Search the inspired book, and desire to know every thing which it teaches, for a little error may do much mischief to good teaching, like the fly in the pot of ointment. Even the omission of a truth may injure a man's usefulness to a very great extent. The Lord does not bless some churches as we would expect them to be blessed, because they are in grievous error upon certain points; and, though He will

bless that part of the testimony which is true, yet the other portion hinders. Probably one reason why Christianity does not spread so rapidly just now as it once did, is this—that it is so mixed up, in most denominations, with human tradition and opinion, and because, also, there is so little willingness to examine doubtful points to see whether or no they are according to the mind of God. The church would be one with itself if it were one with the truth.

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II. Secondly,

### THE TONGUE IS TO BE EDUCATED.

That is indeed the aim of the discipline of the ear. And to what end is the tongue educated? I answer, first, to be able to deliver an unpleasant message. Any man's tongue is swift in telling good things; at least it ought to be, or else where is humanity? We are glad enough to tell you glad tidings of good things, and then gives us grace to impart it to others.

The great thing, I believe, with a

successful winner of souls is to hear God's truth from God's own mouth.

What mean I by this? I mean that a second-hand message is sure to be weakly delivered. A brother repeats a story which somebody else has told to him; how cold it gets in passing from hand to hand! He who first saw the fact told it with far more life and energy. What thou needst to do, brother, is to tell the message as God himself has told it to thee by His Holy Spirit. See how Ezekiel was prepared to prophesy. He says, "The hand of the Lord was there upon me; and He said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee." Yes, we must get alone with God, and hear what He will speak, for only so can we truly be His mouth to others. Do you want to know Christ's way of making men useful? Turn to Mark 3:13-15, and read, "He goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto Him whom He would; and they came unto Him. 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## Kosciusko Association.

The above-named body met with the Long Creek church, Salis Station, Atchala county, Miss., Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 10 A. M. Owing to the epidemic, six churches were not represented.

At 11 A. M. the Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. A. D. Ellington, from Heb. 13:5: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Theme: An unchanging and unchangeable Savior.

Eld. Lloyd (forget his initials), was chosen Moderator, and Eld. Wm. M. Farmer, Clerk. They were the two oldest men in the association.

Yazoo Association, as a corresponding body, was represented by Eld. A. V. Rowe, on Saturday and Monday, and, by his presence, he added much to the interest of the association. Harmony was represented by Elds. R. G. Barrett, Wm. W. McMurry, and R. E. Melvin; Bro. J. J. Barrett, and I, I think, by another, now more remembered.

Committee on preaching reported Eld. McMurtry on Saturday night; Elds. Booth of Sabbath at 11 A. M., and Melvin at 2 P. M., and Eld. Barrett at night. Not being well, I did not hear Bro. M. M., and cannot give a synopsis of his sermon, but was told that it was marked by all the characteristics—strength, clearness, etc., that so eminently render him a marked man.

Bro. Lloyd had announced a 10 o'clock prayer meeting, in view of the heavy national calamity, the pestilence, and Bro. Salis (the Doctor), as Sabbath-school Superintendent, announced that, as Long Creek Sabbath-school is,

AN EVERGREEN,  
its meeting must not be a failure. He held a short session, to which Eld. T. A. Moore, a late Clinton graduate, imparted a deep interest by his fine powers as a vocalist.

That morning prayer meeting was a season of deep solemnity. A universal feeling appeared to pervade the entire assembly, of how helpless man is in the hand of Omnipotence. Prayer was made especially for the spiritual benefit of parents and the churches of pastors, by the calamity.

At 11 A. M. Eld. Booth preached from Mark 2:7, last clause: "What can forgive sins but that only?" He admitted the objection of the Scribes, and, from that a discussion, argued the Divinity of Christ, who proved his power to forgive sins by citing the Sabbath, in a world. He closed with a most earnest and pathetic appeal in behalf of missions. A collection was taken up, amounting to something over fifteen dollars.

At 2 P. M. Eld. Melvin, from Luke 24:47, last clause: "Beginning at Jerusalem." He spoke of his text or the starting corner in running the lines that determine the boundaries of the Pedee's kingdom on earth. One survey by an eminent surveyor by the name of Campbell, has its beginning at Bethany in West Virginia. Another, by the name of Fins Ewing, and his associates, made his starting corner somewhere on the Cumberland river. Still another had it beginning at Oxford in England; another at Westminster. Another made one corner at Genoa, and another somewhere in Scotland; another at Wittenberg in Germany; and still another at Rome. But the Surveyor general, putting the compass and field notes into our hands, directs us to run the lines "beginning at Jerusalem."

At night, Eld. Barrett, from 1 Peter 2:9: "A peculiar people"—a people of a peculiar origin, born from above, a peculiar organization, peculiar doctrines, peculiar ordinances, peculiar pleasures, and heirs to a peculiar inheritance.

As I once heard another say: "There was a square dry's work."

The proceedings of Monday I hope you will soon see in the minutes; the association endorsed the Report strongly, though one member expressed a preference for another paper. I thought of Virgil's "De gustibus non disputandum."

At the close, the parting hand was given and taken, during the singing of that delightful hymn, beginning, "Amazing grace," etc., with the chorus, "O how I love Jesus." Old Father Lloyd, as he is familiarly called, commanded the whole company to God, in a fitting prayer, and the association adjourned to meet next day at Doty's Springs, eighteen miles east of Kosciusko.

VISITOR.

## Columbus Association.

Dear Bro. Gambrell:—

I cannot but be grateful to God, when I think of how we were blessed this summer, in being permitted to hold our Association, while death, fear and anxiety possessed our western and southern brethren of this privilege. We had a pleasant and profitable session. Bro. Sellers says: "Taking everything into consideration, the best had for twenty years."

Everything passed off well, and everybody was delighted. I feel proud of my little church (Bethesda), which entered the Association this year. This people know how to make every one feel good and comfortable at their homes. I am free to say that associational missions, and missions among our colored people claimed so much of the time and attention of the brethren, that other matters were, in a measure, neglected. We hope to do better in the future. Our missions at home will be in such a condition by the next assemblings of our body, that

we will be able to divert a good part of the sum raised this year for associational missions to other interests. I do not mean to say that our churches privately will not contribute to other interests; but I meant to say that no other interest was actively before the body. We have an active, working Executive Committee, with Bro. Sellers as Chairman, and our "calculating layman," A. E. Atwater, of Columbus, as Secretary.

I will carry you to our mission field as it was last of May, 1877, and then give you a look at now. Crawford, Bethesda and Salem were doing but little if anything, in the way of advancement, while east of them to the Tombigbee, lay a vast territory entirely destitute of Baptist preaching. The whole field was paying less than \$100. Now, for the years 78-79, they are paying \$2300. Our missions will cost us \$14,000 this year, pay of two missionaries to the whites and one to the colored. Do you not think that we are trying to do our duty? Next year a part of the field will be self-sustaining, and then we want to put the pay of one missionary, \$500, into the Treasury of the Lord, for the benefit of other interests. We want all our funds to pass through our Treasurer's hands, so that our people may be able to see each year what they are doing for the Lord. Our hope is, that we may provoke other associations to good works in reference to the colored people. We are paying a white man, Eld. Wm. F. Spraggins, at the rate of \$500 for his whole time to work among the colored people. Our desire is to organize an association with the same boundaries, approximately, as the Columbus, and then we can help them more effectively. God bless the humble effort in their behalf.

The sub-committee of our Executive Committee, viz: J. L. Crigler, Thos. B. Harvey, A. E. Atwater and R. N. Hall, had a meeting at Bethesda on last Saturday, and invited their preachers and prominent men to meet us; quite a number were present, and heartily seconded our efforts. I was gratified to hear them express themselves so sensibly about the matter. Under the leadership of Bro. Jordan, the colored pastor at Columbus, who is an educated man, and a good man besides, who is here and with us, we hope to accomplish good in the name of the Lord. We do not wish to brag; we do say that we hope they will all beat us in the good work; but the one that does, will have to be an active, efficient association.

Columbus has no pastor. I do hope the Lord will send us a good worker to take the place of the gifted man who has left them. Pray for us and our work. We intend to pray and work for the Record. God bless you. Yours in Christ,

R. N. HALL.

## Mississippi Association—Latest Improvement in the Way of Administering the Ordinance of Baptism.

Dear Brother:—

I have received but one copy of your valuable paper since August 29th, that of October 3d. It was my privilege to attend the Mississippi Baptist Association, at its seventy-first annual meeting, which was held with the New Hope Baptist church, Franklin county, Mass., October 12th-14th. We had a very interesting meeting. The candidates were well represented, with few exceptions, the Sabbath church not being represented on account of yellow fever. A hot collection was taken up in the Sabbath, amounting to over \$25, some sixty-five dollars having been turned up by the chariters for Home, besides, one and seventeen dollars for Foreign Missions.

At the close of the meeting, I was in attendance at the Broad street Presbyterian church, Selma, Ala., last night, at which a contribution of \$200 was made for the families of Presbyterians ministers who have died of yellow fever.

NEW YORK.—Washington Thomas, formerly a wealthy shoe dealer, and an active partisan of Tammany Hall, hanged himself last night soon after ascertaining the defeat of his party. He had been promised an appointment in the Tammany ticket was elected.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.—

Mr. T. J. Wade has rented Dr. Banks' place, and will live in Clinton.

Bro. Snyder has returned to conduct the hall for the boys.

Bro. Joiner, of Louisiana, is here ready to enter College.

Merchants busy.

Good congregation at the Methodist church Sunday, and a good sermon, so reported.

Mrs. Webb and Maggie have returned from the North, and Miss Shelle Webb has gone to Hazelhurst to teach in Bro. Lomax's school.

Judge Cowan, of Vicksburg, is in town.

We had a white frost and some ice on the morning of the 13th inst.

The Vicksburg and Meridian Railroad.

Of the various Railroad Corporations that worked and sacrificed for a pestilence-stricken people during the epidemic through which our country has just passed, none acted more generously or nobly than the one named above, as testified by the following letter from Col. E. F. Raworth, General Superintendent:

WICHITA FALLS, October 30, 1878.

THOS. RIGBY, Esq., President:—

Your road, as well as all other roads on which the fever prevailed, has been operated for the last two months at great loss. Had train been taken from the road, and all work suspended, you would have been in a better financial condition, but this was impossible. The sufferings of our people demanded that our trains should be run if at a loss.

Quarantines commenced on the 13th of August and increased in numbers and stringency until we were compelled, first, to abandon our passenger and mail, and then our freight trains.

The country was destitute of provisions, and we used every exertion to furnish them, but it was done, as I said above, with loss, as we were compelled to make various transfers, caused by the quarantine regulations.

Up to date our loss is about \$30,000, and quarantines at many places as rigid as they were in September. We have responded to all demands made for transportation of physicians, nurses, food, etc., free of charge, until the 27th of September.

We are now running only a tri-weekly train between Vicksburg and Jackson. I trust a killing frost will soon relieve our people from their sufferings.

Respectfully,

E. F. RAWORTH,  
General Superintendent.

SHIQUALAK, Miss., Nov. 9, 1878.

BRO. GAMBRELL:—

I received your Record the first part of this week which was printed last week, and while scanning over I saw where you requested news from different parts.

This portion of the country has been greatly blessed. While the fever has been doing its deadly work in other portions of our land, God has seen fit, in His great goodness, to keep it from us. Ah! how glad we should be.

The nearest town has been Meridian, a distance of fifty miles.

I have been uneasy about you, Bro. Webb and others there in Clinton. I heard that the fever had reached Edwards station beyond you, and Jackson on this side, but never could hear whether it got to Clinton or not; but the Bremen tells me that it never made its appearance in your little town. The Lord doeth all things well.

While he calleth Haddick, Hall, Isom and others to their home of rest. He yet leaves some great and good men.

Our church held its protracted meeting in September, and on the 3d the result of that meeting how precious to me! My father, my dear father, who is now fifty-four, and who has been a member of the Methodist church six or seven years, joined the Baptist.

The Lord answered my prayers,

How often last session and session before would I steal away from my fellow-students to some secret place, and there pour out my soul in all the earnestness I could to Jesus that He would bring him right. At last father said: "I can no longer live out of the Baptist church, and be satisfied."

ELLIS M. JONES.

HARRISVILLE, Miss., Nov. 4, '78.  
Dear Bro. Gambrell:—

As this is rather an unusual season for revival news from our country churches, I will pen the following items:

Last night I returned home with a burning fever on me, having been absent from my family nine days.

I began a meeting on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October with my church at Rehoboth, which continued seven days with great interest.

The Waco Examiner estimates the total crop of Texas this year at twelve million bushels.

Georgia represents a solid South and sends a full Democratic representation to Congress.

The Mobile Register tells of a rat-

lesnake in that latitude seven feet

and one foot in circumference.

The late political contest ended in

something of a drawn battle. The

Democrats will control the next Con-

gress.

In Los Angeles county, Cal., good

corn land sells at prices ranging from

\$40 to \$100 per acre.

From the eighth place as a wheat

state in 1876, Kansas this year is

estimated at thirty million bushels.

The anti-Tammany Democrats and

Republicans combined in New York

city and defeated the Tammany can-

candidates. Edward Cooper was elected mayor.

Good judges estimate Iowa's corn

crop this year at two hundred and

fifty million bushels.

The anti-slavery

Democrats

will not intend for cold weather.

They will sell them.

WITHTON FEMALE COLLEGE, Brook-

haven, Miss.—School charges reduced to \$130 to June 25th, 1879.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice,

having had practice in his hands by an

East India missionary the formula of a

simple vegetable remedy, for the speedy

and permanent cure for consumption,

bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat

and lung affections, also a positive and

radical cure for nervous debility and all

nervous complaints, after having tested

its wonderful curative powers in thou-

sands of cases, has it duty to make

known to his suffering fellows.

Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve

human suffering, I will send, free of

charge, to all who desire it, this recipe,

with full directions for preparing and

using in German, French, or English.

Send by mail, by addressing with stamp,

name of town, state, and post office.

W. W. SHARER, 149 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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